IT'S THE GOOD WE DO TODAY THAT WILL MAKE US HAPPY TOMORROW

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# IT ONLY COMES ONCE A YEAR

### Christmas Rush in Stores Was on in Earnest This Afternoon—Late Buyers Get Busy.

### HOLIDAY TRADE WAS GOOD

### Passing of Xmas Times is a Great Relief to Postoffice Employes—Swampad Today.

Christmas comes but once a year—very fortunate, isn't it store keeper, father, mother, clerk, postoffice clerk, etc.?

Rushville business men are expressing satisfaction at the holiday trade this year even if it was rather late in getting started, but they are accustomed to that because it is the same old story every year. In many instances people began buying before the final rush, but those instances are not very numerous. However, enough people put off their shopping until the last minute and are jumping here and there to get a last grab. The stores were jammed with holiday buyers today and the clerks by this evening were just barely hanging to the last straw.

The haberdashers are preparing for a good business on Christmas morning following Xmas eve. Many people who were not expecting presents from some of their friends, when they get one, rush down to the store the next morning to return the compliment, so to speak. Especially is this true in the line of neckwear, according to the local clothing men. They say that they always expect a big necktie business on Christmas morning for that reason and have stocked up to prepare for the rush.

The Christmas tree business seams about the same as usual. Most every home where there will be a tree, the head of the house has had to go to the woods and dig it up. Few of the grocerymen have carried a very extensive line.

The postoffice is the scene of the greatest activity and no one will be more thankful for the passing of the Xmas times than the U. S. employes. The clerks have been swamped and could hardly attend to the extra business with assistants. Post cards have been the principal offenders. They have piled up until the clerks have threatened to throw them in the waste basket—but it wouldn't hold them. Yesterday was the banner day when it is estimated conservatively that ten thousand cards were mailed here. But the clerks were not to get off with that and they had about ten thousand cards received here today and to be delivered in the city and county. The rural carriers have been carrying them in, Lew Cline having won the distinction of having the biggest average. He brought in 247 yesterday.

Business will to a certain extent be suspended tomorrow. Several of the stores will not close at all, while severals employers remember how they enjoyed Christmas dinners and will close a few hours for the dinner hour. Several of the stores will close the middle of the forenoon for the remainder of the day. The banks will close and the postoffice will close at ten in the morning for the remainder of the day. The barbers will enjoy their holiday Monday.

# WILL RENDER A HOLIDAY MUSICAL

### Entertainment to be Given at Glenwood by Prof. S. R. Anderson Tuesday Evening.

### ASSISTED REV. AND MRS. BLACK

The Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Black of Glenwood have arranged for a holiday musical to be given in the M. E. church there Tuesday evening. They will be assisted by Samuel Randolph Anderson who is the professor of piano and pipe organ in the Terre Haute Conservatory of Music and who will be their guest during the holidays. Mr. Anderson is said to be a very accomplished musician. He will render a large number of the pieces on the program and will be assisted in several by the Rev. Black. Rev. Black is a pianoist of ability and also has a beautiful baritone voice. Mrs. Black is a reader and will add several attractive numbers to the program. The entertainment will also be given later in the week at Orange and New Salem.

# HAS ARRANGED A RARE XMAS TREAT

### Every Child in City Under 15 Years Will be Admitted Free at the Star-Grand Matinee.

### HAS A BIOGRAPH PICTURE

Grand Carr, manager of the Star-Grand theater has planned a Christmas treat for every boy and girl in the city. He will admit every child under fifteen years of age to the special Xmas matinee to be given tomorrow afternoon. It will be a rare treat for the children of the city and one which they should gladly take advantage of. He has a special program for the occasion which is especially fitting as it is a Christmas film. The picture is entitled, "A Trap for Santa Claus," and is made by the Biograph company. It is typical of all subjects by the same firm, characterized by good acting and beautiful costumes. The children are all kindly requested to come and enjoy the opportunity to see a good picture which Mr. Carr has made possible.

## To You and Yours A Merry Christmas

TO BE GLAD of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors—these are little guide-posts on the footpath to peace —Henry Van Dyke.

## Republican Santa Claus Work

Now that practically all of the work of the Santa Claus undertaking is over—at least for everybody except people connected with the Republican office, the management wishes to express its thanks for the assistance which has been given by the people of the city and county.

The movement was started when it was all an experiment. It was a guess as to whether $50 or $100 could be raised. The high water mark was placed at $100. But the people responded so liberally and without being urged to do so that all expectations on the success of the work have been surpassed. Unless some unexpected thing happens before the packages are delivered tomorrow morning the work will be a success. And here just a word about the delivering. Santa Claus has had his hands full and it may be that he will make a few mistakes tomorrow. The age of each child could not be obtained exactly and in some cases it may be that Santa Claus will not leave just what would be best for that child. But at least the intentions of the workers are good.

To the people who have contributed so liberally we can only say thanks. and assure them that the money has been spent in a way that will make dozens of little folks happy tomorrow. A detail financial statement will be published Monday or Tuesday

If we take our hats off to the people who have given money we must bow down to the people who have worked so hard. It is appreciated every bit of it, and it would be useless here to go into details about the different societies and workers who have helped out so well on the enormous task.

O course the management appreciates that it was a good cause and that the good people have responded so nobly just because it was a good cause. It has been hard work, hours of hard work, and there a few hours more of hard work before it is completed. But the management believes it is worth while—that enough hearts will be happy tomorrow to justify the work.

And now again we say to the boys who have given their pennies, to the girls who have made money for the cause by selling candy to the young women who have aided in the actual work of preparing the presents for delivery, to the women without whom the work could not have been done, to the men who have given their money—just one big sinsere thanks.

### CLOSE FOR HOLIDEYS.

The city schools closed yesterday evening to remain so until Monday, January 3. Many of the teachers have gone to their homes to spend the Christmas vacation.

### WILL CLOSE MONDAY.

All of the union barber shops in the city will be open all day tomorrow, but will close Monday morning at ten o'clock.

# CALLED HOME BY ILLNESS

### Mrs. A. C. Fisher Receives Word Child is Very Sick.

Mrs. A. C. Fisher of Fay, Oklahoma, a sister of Mrs. Charles Wright who was called here on account of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Sadie McKay, has received word that her child is critically ill. She left today for her home.

# OLD FRIENDSHIP WILL BE RENEWED

### Between Mother Goose and Santa Clause At Methodist Church Tonight.

### AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Tonight will find three of the churches filled with happy members of the Sunday school waiting for the appearance of Santa Claus. The M. E. church has arranged a very attractive program to be given by the children of the Sunday school. Mother Goose and all of her children will be there and the old time friendship between her and Santa will be renewed.

The children of the United Presbyterian will be given a rare treat but no entertainment will be given. The committee of the Main Street Christian Sunday school have arranged a very interesting program to be given by the children tonight. They will all receive a bag of candy from the hands of Santa Clause. A cantata will be given at the First Presbyterian Sunday evening under the auspices of the Sunday school.

# HERE FOR GAS MEETING

### Judge Henley Spent Few Hours Here Yesterday Evening.

Judge Will Henley of Chicago, president of the Chicago Belt railroad was here for a short time yesterday evening for the annual meeting of the Central Fuel Gas Company. He is one of the stockholders of the company. Mr. Henley arrived at six o'clock and left at 9:30 via the C. H. & D.

### BANKS WILL BE CLOSED.

The banks of the city will be closed on Saturday, Christmas day and also on Saturday, New Years day. Both days are legal holidays.

—Miss Laura Smith, a student at the Voris business college, Indianapolis, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Smith.

# NEEDY HAVE NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN

### Different Organizations Have Remembered the Poor With Suitable Presents.

### BUSINESS MEN AID FAMILIES

### Salvation Army Distributed Their Usual Baskets Today Flled With Things to Eat.

The poor and needy of the city will be well taken care of this Christmas. With the assistance of the Salvation Army, charity workers, Republican Santa Claus fund, and many private citizens, together with the churches, very few families in the city who are in need will be overlooked. This speaks well for Rushville if she is able to assist all of those in distress which are to be found.

All the churches of the city have made some preparation to take notice of the poor which have come under their notice. Donations of serviceable old clothes have been made to the ladies' societies and they will distribute them to the families in distress. Their work will find success in many places as nothing better than a worn piece of wearing apparel could be found.

The Salvation Army has done a good work with that which has been entrusted to their hands. They have given out one-half bushel baskets of about fifteen bushels of provisions for Christmas dinners to the deserving poor, making 150 good substantial meals besides other relief which they have given. A sample basket contains potatoes, meat, bread, tea, coffee, sugar, cranberries, pie, canned vegetables, canned fruit, celery, jelly, candy, nuts and a Christmas war cry with a total cost of two dollars for each basket. Many friends of the local corps have contributed to the work and the members of the army wish to thank the public in general for their assistance.

Many men in private life have done much toward helping the poor of the city. In several instances it is known that prominent business and professional men have arranged for a bill of groceries to be sent to needy families which have come to their especial attention. And in many cases families have been provided with wearing apparel.

The Republican fund will provide the poor children of the city with one real Christmas day. All of the presents given them will be in the nature of toys so that they may gain some enjoyment from them.

### VACATIONS.

Several of the factories closed last night to remain closed until Monday. The factory men were enjoying their holiday today along with the school children, who were dismissed for ten days yesterday.

## Will Santa Claus Come in An Airship This Year?

Santa Claus is coming tonight! Useless statement for doesn't every boy and girl in the land know that? Of course he's coming and tomorrow morning will be about the happiest time in all the year.

But the startling thing about it all ist hat there has been a persistent rumor that he will come in an air ship. Of course that's the sensible way for him to travel and since Cook and Peary have both visited him since last Christmas (maybe) he has probably installed modern methods in his business. Really now you know it would be much easier for him, to travel that way for he could come down on the house tops instead of having to make his reindeers climb the roofs of every home he visits. If you could stay awake tonight you would probably see him flying from roof to roof, picking out the packages which you have ordered and then going down your chimney.

Oh, you have no chimney? well that is bad. But listen—he always found a way of getting into every home. Sometimes he has had to pass up some of them becaues he did not have money enough to remember all the boys and girls but this year every one of them will be remembered because the good people of the city and county have asisted the Republican in raising enough money to take care of all of them. But even though he has had to pass over some of the homes in the past because of the lack of money never once has he found it necessary to pass a house by just because he couldn't find a way to get in. If you haven't any chimney he will get in some other way. But you had better sleep tight tonight especially if you haven't any chimney. If he found out you were awake he would not like it. And you can't tell maybe he wouldn't leave you all he intended too.

So you must go to bed early and then be ready and wide awake the first time you are called tomorrow morning. My! but wont it be a great time?

The following telegram was received by the Republican late this afternoon.

Daily Republican, Rushville.

I am just leaving on my annual trip. Tell the boys and girls of Rushville that I have a lot of nice things for them which I will leave if they are all in bed when I get there. I am coming early, so they must go to bed early. I expect I will not get around to some of the homes until Christmas morning, but tell them not to worry for I will be there. I haven't been able to get everything they wanted, but I have enough to make them all happy. Remember—they must be asleep unless I do not get around to all of them before day light.

SANTA CLAUS

Now you see what he says. Everybody is to be happy. But don't forget what he says about not being able to give everything that has been ordered. You know he has a big proposition on his hands to take care of all the little boys and girls in the world. It's an awful lot of work you know to get something for every boy and girl in the land and if you don't get everything you wanted just remember there are a lot of other boy's and girls who will be in the same fix.

But it will soon be "sleepy time." And you know Santa has said you must be in bed early. So go to bed and dream about him. And if he hasn't come yet when it is time to get up in the morning just remember he will be there later on.

# Letters For Santa Claus

### Good Old Man and Friend Of Children Has Asked That His Friends Write Him and Send Letters to Daily Republican for Publication.

Rushville, Ind.

My Dear Santa.

Please bring me a sweater coat, a gun, a horn and an Indian suit. Bring little sister Carrie a doll, a set of dishes, a chair, and a table. And dear Santa please come to see us soon and bring me plenty of candy and oranges and nuts.

From your little friends.
HERBERT & CARRIE EDWARDS.

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Rushville, Ind.

Dear Santa.

I am a little boy 9 years old. I want a sweater and a little red express wagon, so I can haul my little sis around to play.

Please bring me some candy, oranges and nuts.

Your little friend,
GEORGIA KEITH.

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Dear Sânta Claus

I want an airgun, a drum, a french harp, a horn, some nuts and candy.

Your little boy,
EARLE MORTON.

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Rushville, Ind.

Dear Santa

I want a pair of shoes, pair of skates, candy and nuts.

Your little friend.
GEORGE BENNETT.

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Dear Santa Clause

I am a little girl eight years old. I will tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a little skilet and pot, trunk, all so some candy and nuts. I will send you 10 cents to help some poor children. Good By.

MILDRED DAVIS.
Rushville, Ind., R. R. No. 9.

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# CGUNTY NEWS

## Plum Creek.

A Merry Xmas and a happy New Year to all.

We are now having beautiful winter weather.

Remember the Xmas tree at Plum Creek Friday evening. Come everyone.

John Nipp Junior returned home Monday after spending the summer at Oklahoma.

Mrs. Mary Prine is not so well.

Mrs. Curtha Wagoner has returned home after making a week's visit with relatives in Tennessee.

John Carson Sr., is very bad sick at present.

Some few have their butchering done in this neighborhood.

A township play will be given at the Raleigh hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th by a member of the Raleigh citizens. The subject is "The Black Heifer." Proceeds for the benefit of the hall.

Miss Florence Nipp was the guest of Miss Geneva Crull near Rushville last Saturday.

Lem Warren has been on the sick list the past week.

Work on the J. P. Scott barn is discontinued until the weather is more favorable.

**Smoke FAIR PROMISE Cigars.**

**For Him—A 25 box of Demmer's Bonds will make an ideal Christmas gift. He knows they're good. At all dealers or at Demmer's.** 224t22

**Smoke FAIR PROMISE Cigars.**

Fresh spare ribs at H. H. Kramer's.

## Notice

Bee Hive Department store will close at 10 a. m. Xmas day for the rest of the day. 243t3

**We have the largest asortment of fruits, nuts, candies, etc., in town. Let us fill your Xmas order. We guarantee every article to be satisfactory. L. L. ALLEN, Grocer. Phone 1420.** 237t8

We want you to try ManZan in cases of Piles. This excellent remedy is being used by a great many people with satisfactory results. Sold by Lytle's Drug Store.

The ladies Aid Society of the Plum Creek church met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Linnea Hayes. They took their lunch and had an all day comfort tacking. Reports are a good time, great deal of work done and a bountiful dinner served.

George Hopper and Ralph Nipp students of Ann Arbor school came Thursday for a vacation with home folks.

## In and Around Fairview.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Adams who were visiting the latter's parents at Greenfield, Ind., came home Saturday.

Messrs John Higley and Alf Saxon transacted. Business at Indianapolis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huddleson of Mays were the guest of the latter's parents. Mr. and Mrs. William Higley and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Caldwell of Rushville were the guests of the former's mother Mrs. Cal Caldwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bowles and daughter Vera were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dickey and son Albert, were at Connersville Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Baker was at Rushville Monday shopping.

Mr. Alfred Long of Washington, Ind., will spend the holidays with his sister Mrs. Walter Saxon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown were at Indianapolis Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thomas were at Rushville Tuesday, Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Chance has moved his household goods to the old academy building that he purchased some time ago.

Master Rush Gibbs of Knightstown, Ind., will spend the holidays with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Saxon died there Christmas shopping in Connersville Wednesday.

Members of the Fairview Christian church have arranged for a reception at the Falmouth I. O. O. F. hall, Tuesday night, the 28th inst at which the new members in the church, Rev. Frank Sumner and wife of Indianapolis and Rev. C. E. Shultz and wife of New Castle will be the guest of honor. All friends of the church who assisted in supporting the gospel at this place are cordially invited to participate.

**Best by Test, Fair Promise Cigar.**

THE QUALITY FURNITURE STORE

In Full Blast

....Our Grand Opening Saturday was a Great Success. Fifteen Hundred people visited our beautiful store during the day and evening Our Splendid lines of New Furniture for Xmas was the talk of the great crowd. It will pay you to visit us for Xmas shopping in our line. We carry the Goods and Our Prices are Attractive.

CHAIRS - CHAIRS - CHAIRS

..What makes a more appropriate Xmas present than a good comfortable Rocker?

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| Genuine leather Turkish Rockers | $24.00 to $50.00 |
| Solid Oak Rockers from | $4.00 to $25.00 |
| Mah gany Rockers from | $3.50 to $35.00 |
| Early English and Fumed Oak Rockers | $4.00 to $20 |
| Our Special Willow Rocker full size well made good style . . . . . . | $2.98 |

Sellers

LIBRARY TABLES

.....Our Stock never was so complete. We have 40 Library Tables to show you in Golden Oak, polished, Early English wax finish, Mahogany both wax finished and polished. Ask to see Our Special Table, one of the best Values ever offered.

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Early English or Golden Oak - - - - - - - - - - $7.48
(Sears, Roebuck can't touch 'em.)

KITCHEN CABINETS

.....Save Steps, and we have line that is sure to please you.

Our No. 95 is a dandy Oak Cabinet large and roomy with Nickel top for - - - - $15.00

Visit our Cabinet Dep't on 2nd floor, get our prices, we are glad to show you whether you purchase or not.

STOVES TO BURN

....This handsome Steel Range is guaranteed in every respect, made by the National Stove Co. It is a splendid baker, large roomy arched oven 18 gauge, steel asbestos lined body. Copper Reservoir. Best Stove on Earth for the price - - - - - - - - $40.00

See our line of Gas and Coal Heaters.

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| Tapestry Brussells, 6 x 9, 9 x 11, 9 x 12, | $10.00, $12.48, and $17.50 |
| 9 x 12 Extra fine Axminster Rugs | $25.00 |
| 9 x 12 Kymric Wiltons, beautiful patterns | $40.00 |
| 9 x 12 Biglow Electra Oriental pat | $35.00 |

A full line of small rugs all sizes and prices.

Music Cabinet: If you want a Music Cabinet we can certainly please you. Oak, Walnut, Mahogany and Circasion Walnut. This has the New Automatic Shelves. Ranging in in price from $7.00 to $20.00, give us a call.

Tomorrow is Xmas Give us a call and we will do the rest.

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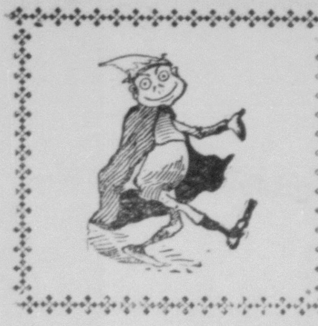
Main and 3rd St. Phone 1668

Our Store is a credit to Rush County Buy Goods at home don't be deceived.

All Certificates on the
MULNO & GUFFIN PIANO
TO BE GIVEN AWAY FREE
Must be in by Wednesday Evening, December 29th. Contest Closes Promptly at 8 P. M.



# SANTA CLAUS OF YOUR CHILDHOOD DAYS

Wasn't it an awful jolt when you learned that Santa Claus is not and was only a myth, so to speak? It is a turning point in the life of most children when they learn that the time honored figure is not a reality but only a fairy which has held sway over their minds during the Yuletide season. They then begin to see life with a different light. It takes on a different aspect and they begin to look into the other side that which is not seen by a mere scanning of the eye.

And the turning point is one which nearly every grownup remembers until their last day on this earth. They can remember when the bare fact was laid before them the old man in white is a figure in the American household which has grown out of the customs of our forefathers and not a reality as they have been led to believe.

It is a sad disappointment when the fact in all of its entirety dawns on the child's mind. And there are children who have begun to pass out of that stage of growth before they learn the truth about Santa. Sometimes it is a hard blow to the mind of a youngster who has implicit faith in dear old Santa who has been so kind to them in their few years. It comes to their slowly grasping mind as fast as posible. At first your boy woul not believe it, would he? He could not bear to think that Santa Claus would not be Santa Claus anymore and that Christmas would not hold the same good cheer that it had in all of the previous holidays.

Didn't you shrink from breaking the news to them? It was really hard to do wasn't it now? They were so simple in their faith, always trusting that Santa would come down the chimney with the moster bag of presents on his back when a pigmy could not possibly squeeze through the little hole in the fireplace.

And how about the child in whose home there is no fireplace? Did he or she ever question the fact that there was no fireplace in their home and that Santa must come down through the little stovepipe through the burning gas or over the red hot coals? No not they. They had implicit faith in Santa Claus doing his duty and never questioned the manner in which he would do it.

Some little tots there are who would sit up all night and watch for Santa in his sleigh if their parents would only permit. But the fond parents know that his dreams would aill come to naught by his night watching and besides they would not have opportunity to play Santa themselves and spend half of the night decorating the tree. It is a pleasure to play Santa Claus and many are the parents who will waste half the night for one hour's enjoyment of their little ones on the following morning when they awake to find the big Christmas tree loaded down with presents.

But how about the little ones who never know what it was to be visited by Santa Claus and have gifts showered on them? Do they ever lose faith in Santa Claus? Never. Sometimes they don't just understand why Santa stopped his reindeers at the rich child's house next door and never even hesitated at their humble home. They may question his judgment about distributing the gifts but they never doubt that Santa Claus does exist. They just look forward to the next Christmas and hope that he will not forget them then.

The simplicity of their faith is marvelous when it is considered what they have to cling to. Several years Santa has missed them and still they keep right on hoping that he will stop next year only to meet disappointment when the season rolls around again. They may have the satisfaction of seeing Santa Claus at their Sunday school and have him hand them a sack of candy, but they still look for him at home and expect him to be every place all in one night. Never do they question the fact that he cannot cover the ground all in one night. No to them he travels faster than the wind and works faster than Mercury.

But when the child learns that Santa Claus is only a figure and not a real being it is the greatest disappointment of his young life. If the little boy or girl finally learns the truth for certain it spoils his Christmas day. At first it seems impossible that Santa did not come. But when the father points out what he bought for his little one and the mother shows what she toiled day and night to make for her child then the truth with all its weight falls on the little innocent. There then is no avenue for escape and he must accept the inevitable.

You, gentle reader, probably remember when the fact in all of its intensity dawned on you. What would Christmas mean without a Santa Clause? It would seem only a baron waste of days of joy and merriment when there was nothing to look forward to and no one to give you toy engines and dolls that would go to sleep. You remember it well on that cold Christmas morning when your parents told you that Santa Claus was not Santa Claus and that he did not visit your home aat all. Did you believe it at first? No, of course you didn't. He was so deeply furroughed in your mind that it was imposisble to believe it. The parents who disclose the sad fact to the little ones on Christmas day spoil that one day for the child. They live in a new life and see the world with new eyes.

Perhaps if Santa Claus is all a dream, other things are also a dream and they begin to think. Didn't Santa Claus bring that hobby horse to Jimmie? Santa Claus didn't bring that but papa bought it down at the toy store and carried it up here with his own hands. Jimmie will not believe it. No he can't believe it. He goes to school the next week and tells his playmates what he has discovered. Some of them jeer at him for being so foolish while others stand up for him and still contend that Santa Claus came to see them and that they actually heard the sleigh bells ringing as Santa skipped from one house top to another.

But the little tots don't always lear the sad news via their parents. Their association with older companions may first put the disbelief into their heads. They may question Santa Claus's identy before anyone tells them that he is only a dream for the little ones. The school teacher may be cruel enough to break the news.

Anyway Santa Claus holds out his embracing arms for the coming generations and enfolds them within his strong grasp which takes several years of proof to break away from. The little child probably derives more pleasure out of the custom than anything else in life and while it is being enjoyed by them it is a crime to take it away from them. Put yourself in the little tot's place and help them to believe in Santa as long as possible—if only their sake.

## Just Think It Over

On one of these winter nights, with the wind blowing half a gale outside and the gas log blazing merrily, when the children have gone to bed and the wife is reading the woman's page on the other side of the library table across from you, it is up to you to go to the old family bookcase, look over your set of Dickens and select therefrom the one that contains the Christmas stories.

Begin at the "Christmas Carol." The words are familiar. They are like the songs of childhood. "To begin with, Marley was dead." Everybody remembered how the story continues, with old miser Scrooge, and the ghosts of Christmas past, of Christmas present and of Christmas yet-to-be. You have read it once and try again. Yes, but read it another time and try to fill youself with the true spirit of the most solemn and joyous holiday of the year, such as it and no othe book contains.

For the Christmas time is here. Even with the advent of December there always comes with the snow and the frost that most gracious period of the year, the Christmas holidays, when, for once, the sordid cares of life are set aside momentarily, and we find that, after all, there is something in this world besides the mere routine, the terrible drudgery of making a living. Then we know that it is really "more blessed to give than to receive."

For many days the Christmas decorations have been up and the dreary December days have been enlivened with the cheerful holly and Yuletide greens. The shops have been ablaze with decorations. The little ones at home have counted the days until that great occasion when good St. Nick will make his annual visit. The wife has made furtive calculations of what she has to spend and the many things she has to buy.

Try to absorb today the Christmas spirit. Is there not still some one that you can make rejoice for the coming of this Christmas? Is there not still some small act of charity you can do that will make Christmas seem a living reality to somebody?

Think it over.

**Pure, clean candies at Allen's Get our prices. Phone 1420.** 237t8

**Apples Cheap.**

In car at Big Four depot in bulk, by basket or barrel if furnished. Be quick; not many to sell. 244t2

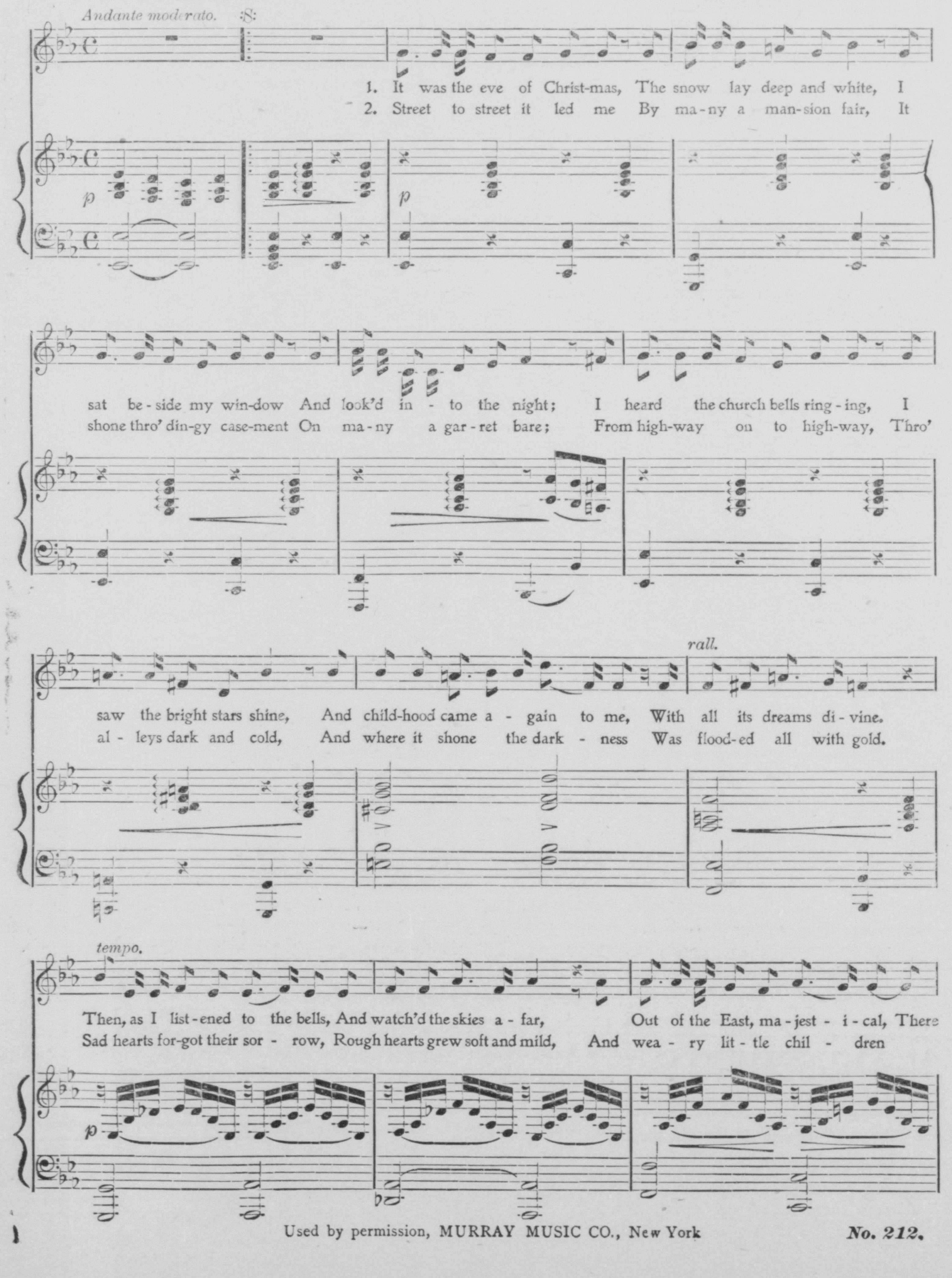
# That Beautiful Christmas Song

## The Star of Bethlehem

(CHRISTMAS SONG)

Words by
F. E. WEATHERLY

Music by
STEPHEN ADAMS


Andante moderato.
1. It was the eve of Christ-mas, The snow lay deep and white, I
2. Street to street it led me By ma-ny a man-sion fair, It
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sat be-side my win-dow And look'd in-to the night; I heard the church bells ring-ing, I
shone thro' din-gy case-ment On ma-ny a gar-ret bare; From high-way on to high-way, Thro'
rall.
saw the bright stars shine, And child-hood came a-gain to me, With all its dreams di-vine.
al-leys dark and cold, And where it shone the dark-ness Was flood-ed all with gold.
tempo.
Then, as I list-ened to the bells, And watch'd the skies a-far, Out of the East, ma-jest-i-cal, There
Sad hearts for-got their sor-row, Rough hearts grew soft and mild, And wea-ry lit-tle chil-dren

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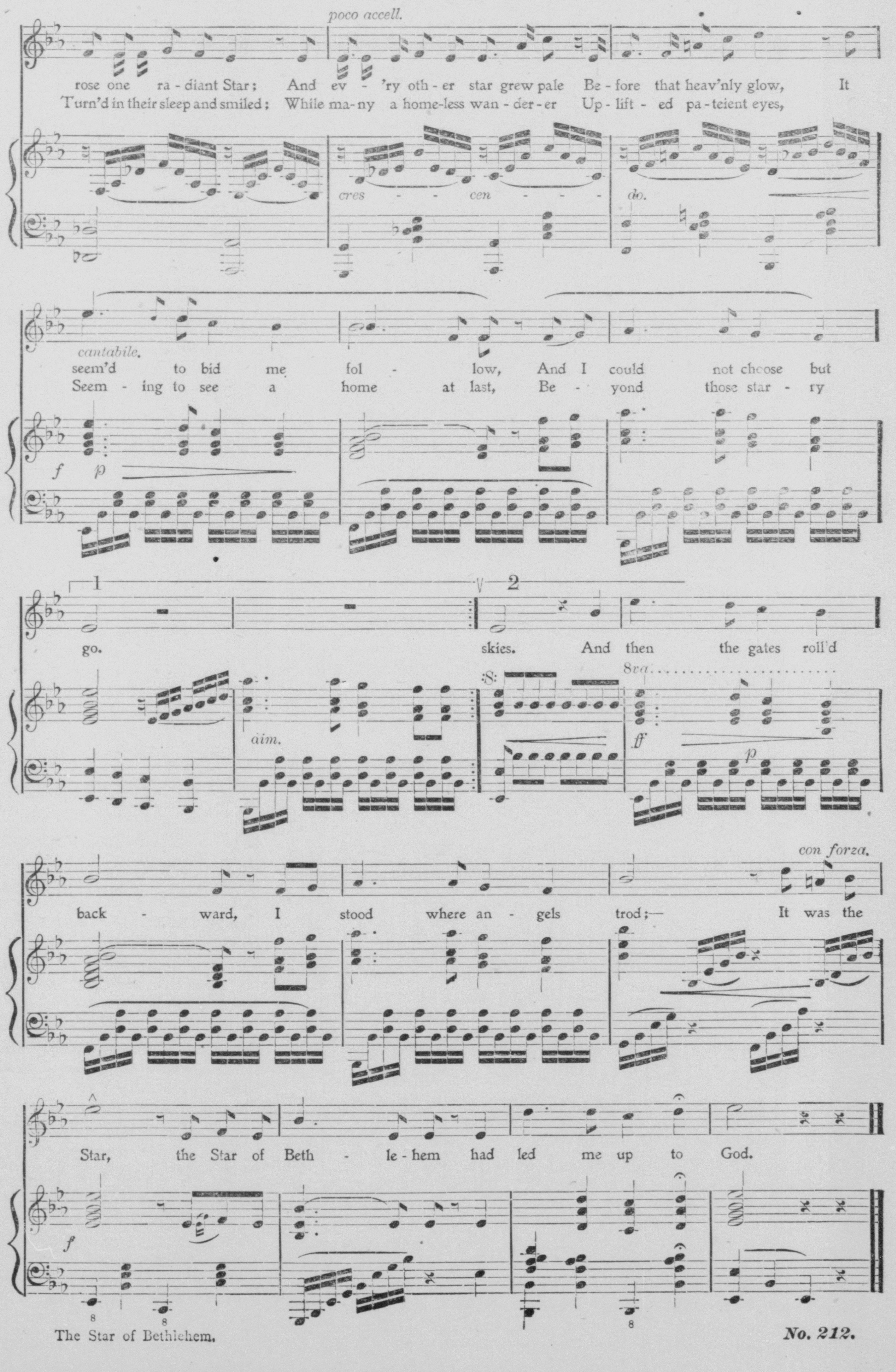
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rose one ra-diant Star; And ev-'ry oth-er star grew pale Be-fore that heav'nly glow, It
Turn'd in their sleep and smiled; While ma-ny a home-less wan-der-er Up-lift-ed pa-teient eyes,
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seem'd to bid me fol-low, And I could not choose but
Seem-ing to see a home at last, Be-yond those star-ry
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skies. And then the gates roll'd
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back-ward, I stood where an-gels trod;— It was the
Star, the Star of Beth-le-hem had led me up to God.
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## CHRISTMAS.

What does Christmas mean to you? Is it merely the formal giving of presents, in return for which you expect to receive a present of equal value? That's a strong statement and surely there are not many of that class living in the world today.

To the believer and non-believer Christmas is a delightful time. It makes men happier, it brings men closer together. It opens their hearts to the thought of others, and makes men bigger and better. Watch the beggar in the city on Christmas eve. He sits where the last crowd of Christmas shoppers is passing. They are laughing, talking, smiling and thinking of the morrow. But few of them are so much taken up with their own happiness that they forget him. They drop in pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters with a good wish thrown in for good measure. It is a time when men's hearts are open to the welfare of others.

And it all means something. "Peace on earth, good will toward men." That one little sentence has made thousands of hearts happy in the past and it will make millions happy in the future. It's the Christmas spirit. And that Christmas spirit should characterize every life every day in the year. How much happier we would be, how much better we would be if there was more of that in each life. To think of the other man—to wish for his welfare, to plan for his happiness—that's the Christmas spirit which is needed 365 days in the year.

## EDITORIALETTES

Don't begin to figure the cost until after New Years. There might be some additional cost, and anyway you want to enjoy holiday week.

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Tomorrow is one of the times when you should enjoy the presents and let the future take care of itself, no matter how detrimental that doctrine may be if persistently used.

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Yes, life is just one season after another, but this at least is a precious season.

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"Peace on earth, good will toward men" cards might be hung in some conspicuous place so that you may see them every day in the year.

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Soon you will realize that it is more blessed to give than receive especially if you don't get anything.

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But don't expect too much—it might reflect on the size of your stocking.

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This is at least one time in the year that men—or women, either—do not object to having big feet.

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And the peculiar thing about it is that it is harder to tramp on their toes.

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But the big question is will Santa Claus use a Wright brand of airship or one of foreign make.

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Now if all the price marks have been carefully erased you are ready for Christmas—or at least you ought to be.

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Really remarkable how father can keep smiling and seem to enjoy himself in spite of the bills he knows will come next week or the week after.

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Now don't you feel much better since you know you have done something to make the unfortunate children of the city happy? If you have an opportunity next year, you should be one of the very first contributors.

Don't expect too much of the children for the next few days. If your memory is even half decent you will remember that once upon a time you were a child and that Christmas came once a year then just the same as it does now.

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Again it might be well to call attention to the fact that it is the spirit in which a thing is given that counts much more than the market value of the article. And anyway you have no right to guess what the present cost. It's very poor form.

## LOCAL NEWS

Harry Ford is ill at his home in West Fifth street.

Squire John Derringer is very ill at his home west of the city.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Geraghty is improving after a slight illness.

Twins were born to the wife of Frank Wood in North Spencer street yesterday morning.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Abercrombie of North Perkins street is suffering with a slight illness.

Rumor has it that one of our principal business firms will dissolve partnership in the early part of the coming year.

Harry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Evans, who suffered a broken leg several weeks ago is fast improving and will soon be able to walk.

The First Presbyterian church has abandoned the use of gas for heating purposes and will use coal and the minister wishes to assure the congregation that the church will be warm Sunday.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary A. Spacey, who died at her home Tuesday evening, were held at the Main Street Christian church this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. J. W. Conner of Irvington, assisted by the Rev. R. W. Abberley. Burial was in East Hill cemetery.

The funeral services of Morton C. Carter, who died Wednesday evening, were held at the home in North Sexton street this morning at 9 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. R. W. Abberley. Burial was in Blue River cemetery.

## SOCIETY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smelser will entertain with turkey dinner tomorrow at dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Will Anthony of Indianapolis, O. D. Green and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schrader and son William, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilks and Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Hinchman.

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In 1269 the entire width of the Baltic sea was crossed by sledge. In 1339 a great many persons were frozen to death in England. In 1409 the Danube was frozen up from her source to her estuary in the Black sea. In 1469 all vines in France were killed by frost. In 1609 and 1639 the port of Marselles was frozen over, and there was great suffering and distress. In 1709 France was extended for miles north to south, the ice extended for miles north to south, the ice extending for miles seaward. Birds and animals died of cold.

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James G. Blaine used to say he was thankful he had just enough of a temper to show him by the errors it made him commit in little things how fatal it would be to give way to it in big things.

## Christmas With Mother

Christmas home with mother, as it
used to be, you know,
In life's divine reversion to the
dreams of long ago;
The old house ringing laughter from
the lips of chick and child,
The old dreams dancing after in the
hearts just fairly wild,
And the romping, ringing revel, and
the dinner with its smells
Of the old familiar dishes with their
hauntink homespun spells!

Christmas home with mother—'tis a
dream to make one creep
To the attic as in childhood for a
little childhood sleep;
And the waking at her calling, and
the marching single file
To the Christmas in the parlor with
our faces wreathed in smile
At the tender expectation—how it
glows within us yet—
Of the things we said we wanted and
the things we knew we'd get!

Christmas home with mother—when
it's train time let me know,
For my heart has bought a ticket to
the days of long ago,
And I have lost the city with its
splendor and its gleam,
In the Christmas home with mother
that has come to be my dream—
The old house and the childhood, and
her sweet face waiting there
For the phantom sons and daughters
single file upon the stair!

## Christmas Carol

Under the stars, one holy night
A little babe was born;
Over His head a star shone bright,
And glistened till the morn.
And wise men came from far away,
And shepherds wandered where he lay
Upon his lowly bed of hay,
Under the stars one night.

Under the stars, one blessed night,
The Christ-child came to earth,
And through the darkness broke the
light
Of morning at his birth.
And sweet hosannas filled the air,
And guardian angels watched him
where
The Virgin Mother knelt in prayer,
Under the stars one night.

Under the stars, this happy night,
We wait for Him once more,
And seem to see the wondrous sight,
The shepherds saw of yore.
O, baby born in Bethlehem,
Come to us as you came to them,
And crown us with love's diadem,
Under the stars tonight.

## Farmers' Short Course

Large numbers of Rush county farmers will probably be in attendance at the District Farmers' Short Course Institute to be held in Greensburg from February seventh to twelfth, 1910. The "short course" is given under the auspices of Purdue University and comprises a number of practical demonstrations and lectures on horticulture, live stock, corn, soils, dairying, poultry and domestic science. The immense value of the work being done by the university officials in modernizing farming methods over the State is undisputable and it goes without saying that the enterprise will receive the support of every enterprising farmer in the district where the institutes are held.

J. E. Caskey, editor of the Greensburg News, has been appointed president of the institute to be held at Greensburg, and M. A. Higgins, of Waldron, has been selected to solicit members. The membership fee is one dollar. With such progressive and widely known men as these two working in its interests the success of the "short course" for this district is assured.

Among the prominent speakers who will lecture during the progress of the institute are President W. E. Stone, of Purdue University; Joseph E. Wing, of the Bretders' Gazette, and E. G. Allen, of Indianapolis.

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A famous wistaria in Japan is that to be found at Kashbukabe, northeast of Tokio. The vine is five hundred years old, and grows over trellises covering a space of four thousand feet. It's pendent clusters are more than fifty inches long.

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A flower cut in the morning will outlive flowers cut later in the day.

# Miss Rushville's Letter to Santa

### She Mentions Just a Few Things Which She Says She Needs

Miss Rushville, the most deserving of all Santa Claus' friends, has written a letter. And after studying it over it was thought best to publish it for she asks for some mighty good things. Of course she has a mighty big stocking if she expects to get all the things she asks for, but then no matter. There is not a thing she asks for she could not well use and use to good advantage. She says confidentially that many of them are necessities. Here is what she says:

Dear Santa Claus:

I will tell you what I want for Christmas.

First of all and most important several large factories with large pay rolls. I have been wanting these for some time.

And then a dandy new public library. Gee it would be great for that's a Christmas present which could be enjoyed every day in the year.

Some paved streets and I am not particular how I get them, just so they are good.

A city part that would make the city so much more beautiful.

A coloseum where public meetings and conventions could be held. You know it would be so nice to get a lot of the state conventions.

A new union station. But if that it is impossible about two new stations, for the ones now in use leave an awful bad taste in the stranger's mouth.

River side park arranged for racing where meets could be held every year. You know it's a shame I can't have race meetings with so many good horses here.

A good live rousing Merchants association which would see that I get all the retail business which rightfully belongs to me. And so that all my merchants would work together.

A re-organized Commercevial club. And if you could spare it I would like to have a builing or even a nice room where the meetings could be held and where strangers could be taken.

I know it is a bit extravagant to ask for all these things but I also would like to have a Y. M. C. A.

If you could I would be pleased if you leave me some harmony. I haven't quite enough at present.

Oh yes I pretty near forgot. A nice place to hold the chautauqua each year. Maybe you could arrange that in connection with the colosseum.

I could also use some more public spirit. The kind you know which makes men work for my good instead of always looking after their own interests regardless of mine.

And some more people. I expect though if you leave me some factories, the people would come here.

And Santa, my merchants have been real nice at helping me look pretty all the year around. They have kept their windows well decorated so if you would be nice to them I would appreciate it too.

Some forgetfulness please. So everybody would forget that there had been a county option election and go right ahead trying to do the right thing for me no matter whether they are pleased or not.

And some more business for all my factories. They have all been doing so well during the last year but I could use some more business.

Santa if you sprinkle some real ginger all over it so my people would be up and hustling every day and trying to make me better I would like that very much too.

Now I have been trying to get all these things myself, but I haven't quite succeeded yet, so please help me out as much as you can and I will try to do a lot more before Christmas. And Santa here is a secret which I don't want you to tell to a single soul. I think my people are going to do a lot more before next Christmas. They are awaking to the fact that although I am a pretty good place I ought to be bigger and better. And so I think I wont ask you for near as many things next year.

Yours Truly,
MISS RUSHVILLE

## On Night Before Christmas

He cursed the window which refused to open after he had used his jimmy on it for five minutes. Things had been breaking bad with him for a month. Not a single good haul and two narrow escapes from the "bulls" on jobs which would have meant ten years for him. Here he was on Christmas eve trying to get into a wealthy home where he knew the Christmas purchases had run up into the hundreds of dollars. And like others of the "profesh" he was superstitious. "Third time—bout my luck to get caught on this pull."

He made another vicious jab with the jimmy, and window yielded but with a creak which made him uncomfortable. He waited to see what the result would be. But apparently there was none. He raised the window a little higher and crawled in. He made his way through the kitchen and dining room taking great care that all the chairs were out of his way and that the doors were open for a hasty exit.

In the library was the Christmas out lay. Four little stockings hung at the mission fire place. Arranged on chairs about the rooms were the presents for the older folks. He made the rounds cautiously taking a piece of jewelry here, another there, and congratulating himself on the haul. He went to the stockings and did it more from curiosity than anything else. "Kids seldom get jewelry" was the way he figured it.

Carefully he took each little toy from the stockings. As he expected he found no jewelry. He was about to give up the search when his hand touched a piece of paper. He thought it might be money and pulled it out of the stocking. It wasn't, but that irresistible something made his take it over to the light and read it.

Dear Santa Claus:

I thought I would write you a letter and tell you that we are all glad you have come, maybe you haven't but if you haven't you wont get this letter. But Santa I have been afraid you wouldn't get here this year. Mama always made arrangements for your visits before but mama has gone away since you was here last. She got awful sick and then she went away. Papa says she has gone to Heaven. Do you know where that is? And wont you please take mama something for Christmas? I was afraid you might miss her. And Santa don't forget my papa, and all my brothers and sisters.

Good bye, MABLE MATHERS.

The letter fell to the floor as the burglar finished reading it. His head hung down and he thought.

"Yes in heaven. I remember the first Christmas after my mother died. And she is there, if any woman is. 'Don't forget mama' " and the burglar mentally repeated the request of the little letter.

Carefully he replaced every thing he had taken. Carefully he went back to the kitchen. He went into the night before Christmas. It was the third time, and he had been caught—but not by the "bulls."

## AMUSEMENTS

English's Opera House will have for its attraction on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 23d, 24th, with a Xmas matinee, "Polly of the Circus" which is the story of a little circus rider who comes from a long line of Circus ancestry. While the circus was stopping in a small town she falls from her horse and is injured. The circus tents were pitchse on a common next to a church and they carry the little girl into the parsonage, where much to the consternation of his parishioners, the young parsons advices that they leave her until she is well. She is well taken care of and learns to loathe the old life in comparison to this now of which she has known nothing until this time. The young parson learns this and decides to keep her but she learns that the people of his church are saying unkind things about her and when the circus comes to town again, much against her will she runs away with it again. He has learned to love her and after a great deal of persuasion wins her back again and everything ends happily. "Polly of the Circus" is particularly well staged and is played by an exceptional company.

The Star Grand offers two subjects tonight. The first is entitled "The Village Scare." It is brimful of fun and is sure to make you laugh. The second subject is a partly hand-colored film of great beauty and is entitled "The Mix-up at Court." In addition to the regular program the management will present Miss Antionette Ogden with selections from Verdalle, Hasselman's and Cheshire, on the harp. Earl Robertson will sing "Fraidy Cat." All children under 15 years old will be admitted free to the Saturday's matinee. The Biograph Christmas film will be shown entitled "A Trap For Santa Claus."

Besides admitting all of the children who will profit by the Republican Santa Claus fund, the Palace management will admit every child in the city under fifteen years of age to their special matinee tomorrow afternoon. They will have a good comic subject. A complete change of program will be shown tonight with a new song, "The Red, Red Rose."

The Vaudet will show a complete change of program tonight with a new picture and illustrated song.

## Pennies in the Box

The Fourth assistant postmaster general has sent out the following letter which is self explanatory and which deserves consideration:

"From a recent count made by rural carriers in one of the counties in the State of New York of coins deposited by patrons in their boxes for the purchase of stamp supplies, it was found that each carrier in the county was collecting an average of 115 one-cent coins each week. This average applied to all the routes in operation throughout the country would give the enormous total of about 300,000,000 one-cent coins.

As most of these coins are deposited loose in boxes, it is desirable that you and the rural carriers, in a tactful and polite way, put forth your best efforts to induce patrons to provide themselves with stamp supplies in advance of their needs, and to equip their boxes with suitable coin-holding receptacles. It should be explained to patrons that the picking of loose coins from boxes not only results in needless hardship and suffering to carriers in winter weather, delays the delivery and collection of the mails, but frequently results in actual money loss to the carriers, for if, in collecting coins from boxes, they drop them into the snow or on the ground without recovery, they are required to replace the amount out of their own funds."

### Mays.

Rich Abernathy and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with Charley Shields and family and Omer Abernathy and wife.

O. E. Newhouse and family, W. J. Newhouse and wife spent Sunday with W. O. Fox and family.

Roy Goble is visiting relatives in Pulaski county.

Leroy Knox of Ohio spent Saturday with C. E. Knox and family.

There was a large crowd at the Xmas entertainment on Wednesday night. The children did excellent work.

Hiram Stuttle and wife spent Sunday with Robert Sorrell and family.

Mrs. Hazel Bess of Knightstown is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Knox.

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—Miss Grace McLaughlin of Montpelier came today to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Morgan.

## THE WEATHER

Rain or snow tonight and Saturday. Warmer tonight.

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Christmas Greeting

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Our annual offering of a beautiful Calendar will be ready for delivery January 1st. If you desire one of them please fill in the coupon below and bring or mail to our store before that time and one will be laid away for you.

Geo. C. Wyatt & Co.,

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Christmas

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Toilet Cream
Buffers
Fountain Pens
Post Card Albums
Flesh Brushes
Perfume Atomizers
Perfume
Toilet Water
Art Calendars
Magazine Subscription
Box Candy
Hand Mirrors
Pocket Books
Brush and Comb Sets
Combs
Hair Brushes

FOR MEN

Cigars in Boxes and Cans
Pipes
Shumate Safety Razors
Gillette Safety Razors
Auta Strop Safety Razors
Gem Safety Razors
Razor Strops
Razor Blades
Shaving Brushes
Shaving Stick
Shaving Powder
Pocket Books
Smoking Tobacco
Fountain Pens

FOR GIRLS

Toilet Cream
Buffers
Box Paper
Xmas Booklets
Gold Initial Seals
Fountain Pens
Face Powder
Nail Files
Candy
Powder Puff
Art Calendars
Fancy Post Cards

## PERSONAL POINTS

—Mr. and Mrs. George Griesser will spend Christmas with relatives in Cincinnati.

—The Misses Meredith will be the guests of their sister in Raleigh Christmas day.

—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wagner will spend Christmas with Mrs. Wagner's parents in Franklin.

—Dr. L. C. Kigin will spend Christmas in Tipton, the guest of his parents. He will return here Monday morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cottingham of Kokomo are here on account of the death of Mrs. Cottingham's mother, Mrs. Mary A. Spacey.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ward and daughter, Miss Cassie, left today for Covington, Ky., to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Guild during the holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Warfield and child of Indianapolis will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Warfield and family in North Sexton street until after Christmas.

—Mrs. Fred Caldwell and son James went to Cincinnati this morning where they spent the day. From there they went to Rising Sun, where they will be the guests of relatives until after the holidays.

—Mrs. T. J. Williamson and children came today from Indianapolis to spend Christmas with Mrs. Williamson's mother, Mrs. Emily Coleman and family in West Third street. Mr. Williamson will come tomorrow.

—Mrs. A. C. Fisher, who was here to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Sadie McKay, left for her home in Fay, Oklahoma, today on account of the serious illness of one of her children.

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Nothing so cheap for a good whole some, hearty breakfast, as Mrs Austins pancake flour. At all grocers.

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### Barber Shops Close Monday.

All Union Barber Shops will work all day Christmas, Saturday, the 25th, and will close on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. 245t1

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**A fresh car load of that good salt at Flinn's** 237t6

—Cary Jackson spent yesterday in Indianapolis.

—Roy Goble of Mays is visiting relatives in Pulaski county.

—Mis Bernice Anderson was an Indianapolis visitor yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bennett of Indianapolis will spend Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beer and family in West First street.

—Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Young of Kokomo will come this evening to spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Young in North Perkins street.

—Misses Emma, Louise and Marie Peters of this city, with their sister, Miss Amelia Peters of Terre Haute State Normal will spend the holidays with relatives at Sunman.

—Clarence Hiner of Bloomington arrived this morning to be the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hiner and family in East Second street until after Christmas.

—Mrs. Will Jackson and daughters and Charley Stanley of Anderson arrived today to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sell Webb in West Third street until after the holidays.

—J. Q. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas of this city and Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Indianapolis will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carpentsr in Wabash.

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### NO PAPER CHRISTMAS

The Daily Republican will issue no paper tomorrow in accordance with its annual custom on Christmas day. The employes will enjoy a whole day's holiday all at once. And they wish all their friends a very merry Christmas with best wishes for the future.

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### Will Sell Apples Monday.

There will be no apples sold out of car at Big Four on Christmas day. Sale will commence again Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. 245t1

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For an early breakfast, take home Mrs. Austins pancake flour. Ready in a minute.

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## Christmas Program

The following program will be given at the Main Street Christian church at 7:30 this evening:

Orchestra.
Prayer—R. W. Abberley.
Merry, Merry Christmas, Luther Cradle Song—Primary Department.
Recitation—Mildred Retherford.
Recitation—Harold Havens.
Duet—Richard and William Pugh.
Recitation—Robert Lakin.
Recitation—Laverne Bishop.
Song, "Happy Little Children"—Girls.
Recitation—Norma Headlee.
Recitation—Carroll Nipp.
Recitation—Florence Lambert.
Song, "Snow Brigade"—Boys.
Recitation—Emerson Headlee.
Recitation—Helen Lambert.
Song, "Beautiful Christmas"—Girls.
"Waiting for Santa"—Grandma, Miss Georgia Wyatt, and twenty-five children.
Arrival of Santa.
Orchestra.

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SONG: "Red, Red Rose"

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## CHAPTER XXIV.

### Flinders.

If Halsey had only taken me fully into his confidence through the whole affair it would have been much simpler. If he had been altogether frank about Jack Bailey, and if the day after the fire he had told me what he suspected, there would have been no harrowing period for all of us, with the boy in danger. But young people refuse to profit by the experience of their elders, and sometimes the elders are the ones to suffer.

I was much used up the day after the fire, and Gertrude insisted on my going out. The machine was temporarily out of commission, and the carriage horses had been sent to a farm for the summer. Gertrude finally got a trap from the Casanova liveryman, and we went out. Just as we turned from the drive into the road we passed a woman. She had put down a small valise, and stood inspecting the house and grounds minutely. I should hardly have noticed her had it not been for the fact that she had been horribly disfigured by smallpox.

"Ugh!" Gertrude said, when we had passed, "what a face! I shall dream of it to-night. Get up, Flinders."

"Flinders?" I asked. "Is that the horse's name?"

"It is." She flicked the horse's stubby mane with the whip. "He didn't look like a livery horse, and the liveryman said he had bought him from the Armstrongs when they purchased a couple of motors and cut down the stable. Nice Flinders—good old boy!"

Flinders was certainly not a common name for a horse, and yet the youngster at Richfield had named his prancing, curly-haired little horse Flinders! It set me to thinking.

At my request Halsey had already sent word of the fire to the agent from whom me had secured the house. Also, he had called Mr. Jamieson by telephone, and somewhat guardedly had told him of the previous night's events. Mr. Jamieson promised to come out that night, and to bring another man with him. I did not consider it necessary to notify Mrs. Armstrong, in the village. No doubt she knew of the fire, and in view of my refusal to give up the house an interview would probably have been unpleasant enough. But as we passed Dr. Walker's white and green house I thought of something.

"Stop here, Gertrude," I said. "I am going to get out."

"To see Louise?" she asked.

"No, I want to ask this young Walker something."

She was curious, I knew, but I did not wait to explain. I went up the walk to the house, where a brass sign at the side announced the office, and went in. The reception room was empty, but from the consultation room beyond came the sound of two voices, not very amicable.

"It is an outrageous figure," some one was storming. Then the doctor's quiet tone, evidently not arguing, merely stating something. But I had not time to listen to some person probably disputing his bill, so I coughed. The voices ceased at once: a door closed somewhere, and the doctor entered from the hall of the house. He looked sufficiently surprised at seeing me.

"Good afternoon, doctor," I said formally. "I shall not keep you from your patient. I wish merely to ask a question."

"Won't you sit down?"

"It will not be necessary. Doctor, has any one come to you, either early this morning or to-day, to have you treat a bullet wound?"

"Nothing so startling has happened to me," he said. "A bullet wound! Things must be lively at Sunnyside."

"I didn't say it was at Sunnyside. But as it happens, it was. If any such case comes to you, will it be too much trouble for you to let me know?"

"I shall be only too happy," he said. "I understand you have had a fire up there, too. A fire and shooting in one night is rather lively for a quiet place like that."

"It is as quiet as a boiler-shop," I replied, as I turned to go.

"And you are still going to stay?"

"Until I am burned out," I responded. And then, on my way down the steps, I turned around suddenly.

"Doctor," I asked at a venture, "have you ever heard of a child named Lucien Wallace?"

Clever as he was, his face changed and stiffened. He was on his guard again in a moment.

"Lucien Wallace?" he repeated. "No, I think not. There are plenty of Wallaces around, but I don't know any Lucien."

I was as certain as possible that he did. People do not lie readily to me, and this man lied beyond a doubt. But there was nothing to be gained now; his defenses were up, and I left, half irritated and wholly baffled.

Our reception was entirely different at Dr. Stewart's. Taken into the bosom of the family at once, Flinders tied outside and nibbling the grass at the roadside, Gertrude and I drank some home-made elderberry wine and told briefly of the fire. Of the more serious part of the night's experience, of course, we said nothing. But when at last we had left the family on the porch and the good doctor was untying our steed, I asked him the same question I had put to Dr. Walker.

"Shot!" he said. "Bless my soul, no. Why, what have you been doing up at the big house, Miss Innes?"

"Some one tried to enter the house during the fire, and was shot and slightly injured," I said hastily. "Please don't mention it; we wish to make as little of it as possible."

There was one other possibility, and we tried that. At Casanova station I saw the station master, and asked him if any trains left Casanova between one o'clock and daylight. There was none until 6 a. m. The next question required more diplomacy.

"Did you notice on the six o'clock train any person—any man—who limped a little?" I asked. "Please try to remember; we are trying to trace a man who was seen loitering around Sunnyside last night before the fire."

He was all-attention in a moment.

"I was up there myself at the fire," he said volubly. "I'm a member of the volunteer company. First big fire we've had since the summer house burned over to the club golf links. My wife was sayin' the other day, 'Dave, you might as well 'a' saved the money in that there helmet and shirt.' And here last night they came in handy. Rang that bell so hard I hadn't time scarcely to get 'em on:"

"And—did you see a man who limped?" Gertrude put in, as he stopped for breath.

"Not at the train, ma'm," he said. "No such person got on here to-day. But I'll tell you where I did see a man that limped. I didn't wait till the company left; there's a fast freight goes through at 4:45, and I had to get down to the station. I seen there wasn't much more to do anyhow at the fire—we'd got the flames under control"—Gertrude looked at me and smiled—"so I started down the hill. There was folk here and there goin' home, and along by the path to the Country club I seen two men. One was a short fellow. He was sitting on a big rock, his back to me, and he had something white in his hand, as if he was tying up his foot. After I'd gone on a piece I looked back, and he was hobbling on and—excuse me, miss—he was swearing something sickening."

"Did they go toward the club?" Gertrude asked suddenly, leaning forward.

"No, miss. I think they came into the village. I didn't get a look at their faces, but I know every chick and child in the place, and everybody knows me. When they didn't shout at me—in my uniform, you know—I took it they were strangers."

So all we had for our afternoon's work was this: Some one had been shot by the bullet that went through the door; he had not left the village, and he had not called in a physician. Also, Dr. Walker knew who Lucien Wallace was, and his very denial made me confident that, in that one direction at least, we were on the right track.

"Gertrude," I said, "I have been a very selfish old woman. You are going to leave this miserable house tonight. Annie Morton is going to Scotland next week, and you shall go right with her."

To my surprise, she flushed painfully.

"I don't want to go, Aunt Ray," she said. "Don't make me leave now."

"You are losing your health and your good looks," I said decidedly. "You should have a change."

"I shan't stir a foot." She was equally decided. Then, more lightly: "Why, you and Liddy need me to arbitrate between you every day in the week."

Perhaps I was growing suspicious of every one, but it seemed to me that Gertrude's gayety was forced and artificial. I watched her covertly during the rest of the drive, and I did not like the two spots of crimson in her pale cheeks. But I said nothing more about sending her to Scotland; I knew she would not go.

To be Continued.

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### Lesson XIII.—Fourth Quarter, For Dec. 26, 1909.

### THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

**Text of the Lesson, Matt. ii, 1-12. Memory Verses, 11, 12—Golden Text, Matt. i, 21—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.**

There is one great truth emphasized in this gospel and in the New Testament which is not made much of by preachers and teachers, as a rule, and that is that Jesus is the son of David, the promised heir to David's throne. See in Matt. i, 1; Rev. xxii, 16, how the New Testament begins and ends with this and note how Paul uses it in Rom. i, 3; II Tim. ii, 8. See Gabriel's use of it in his message to Mary in Luke i, 32, 33, and Peter's reference to it in his great Pentecostal discourse in Acts ii, 30. Then take the question of the wise men in our lesson, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" Remember that that title in the languages of Jews and gentiles was placed over His cross and that when He shall come again in His glory and Israel shall say, "This is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us," it will be to make Jerusalem the throne of the Lord, that all the nations may be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem. Then, the Lord being King of Israel in the midst of them, they shall not see evil any more, and He will make them a name and a praise among all the people of the earth. Then shall all the nations bring their wealth to Israel, even as these wise men did, and Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the earth with fruit (Isa. xxv, 9; Jer. iii, 17; Zeph. iii, 15, 19, 20; Isa. lx, 5; margin xxvii, 6). I sincerely trust that every teacher may verify what I have said by these and other texts and thus have the best possible kind of Christmas lesson concerning Him of whom the prophet said, "Out of thee (Bethlehem Ephratah) shall He come forth unto me to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity" (Mic. v, 2), or, as it is in our lesson, "Out of thee shall come a governor that shall rule my people Israel" (verse 6). Such a king as Herod might well be troubled by the mention of a King of the Jews, for the time will come when the kings of the earth and the great and rich and mighty men shall call on mountains and rocks to fall on them and hide them from His face and His wrath (Rev. vi, 15-17). The chief priests and scribes knew prophecy well enough to be able to tell where the Messiah should be born, but their knowledge did them no good, for when He came publicly and in every way proved Himself the Messiah about thirty years later they rejected Him and killed Him. It is not a knowledge of Him nor of what the Scriptures say about Him that saves any one, but only the heart reception of Him, according to John i, 12. Some day we shall know more than we can now about these wise men—who they were, how many there were, just where they came from, what they knew about Him or His star and how they came to know what they did. If the star led them all the way to His land we wonder why they turned from it to call upon Herod and inquire of him. We note that when they left Herod the star seemed to be waiting for them, for it went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was, leading them to the very house. This was therefore no ordinary star, but a supernatural light, a heavenly messenger, and it makes us more than ever interested in these men whom God so honored. When they saw the star again after leaving Herod they rejoiced with exceeding great joy (verse 10), and we do not wonder, for it must have been like passing from hell to heaven to come from such a presence into the presence of God's own messenger. When the angel brought the shepherds word the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and the message was, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Peter says of Him, "Whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (I Pet. i, 8).

In the presence of this child and His mother these men fell down and worshiped Him, opened their treasures and presented unto Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh (verse 11). This is no loose change or pocketbook story, but a record of treasures brought to Him. It makes us think of the woman who gave all her living and received from Him such commendation and by contrast of another woman who spent all her living on physicians in a vain search for health and then received it one day in a moment from Him freely. Mary of Bethany brought Him treasure when she anointed Him with very costly ointment (Luke xxi, 8-43; John xii, 3). Are we bringing Him anything that can be compared to treasure, a really sweet savor to Him, a willingness to suffer with Him? When there is no plain guidance given us in His word He will not fail to guide us in some way by His providence or by a dream or a voice if it is necessary. Ps. xxxii, 8; Isa. xxx, 21, are sure words. I have often been helped by the fact that before they were ordered down to Egypt the gold was on hand to go with, and it was with His gold they journeyed. It had been given to Him. Notice the unexpected source it came from. Remember Hag. ii, 8; Ps. lxii, 5.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

### Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 26, 1909.

Topic.—Our responsibility for home and foreign missions.—Matt. xxviii, 16-20. Comment by Rev. Sherman H. Doyle, D. D.

The great interest manifested by practically all Christians in the subject of missions today is a strong intimation that the Christian's responsibility toward the un-Christianized parts of the world is fully realized. There was a time when such responsibility or obligation to missions greatly needed to be emphasized, but today this need is not so great. Yet there are still many who do not feel any such responsibility and need to have it pressed home to their hearts. Nor is it impossible for those who are already interested in the world's salvation to become more interested by considering their responsibility to home and foreign missions. May this study, therefore, arouse interest where there is none and increase the interest to the highest possible extent where it already exists. The salvation of the world is the supreme work of the Christian church, and therefore no Christian can become too much interested in the subject of missions.

1. Christ's command places a responsibility upon us in relation to home and foreign missions. We have given ourselves to Christ. We have placed our lives under His control. As His disciples we have promised to obey His commands. One of these, and His dying command at that, is that we shall "go, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," or, as Mark records it, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Upon every Christian rests the obligation of obeying Christ's commands, and He will hold us responsible for any failure to do so. This applies to missions as well as to any other Christian duty. We may not be able to go personally and thus literally obey this command, as the first disciples did, but we can obey it in spirit and thus fulfill the responsibility that it places upon us by giving of our money to send others. If we do this freely and cheerfully and to the extent of our ability we will discharge our responsibility to missions, both home and foreign.

2. The opportunity to do something for home and foreign missions places a responsibility upon us to do so. We all have some opportunities to engage in the work, and opportunity always brings responsibility. The world today is open to missions. Were the doors of heathendom closed to missionaries we should have no responsibility except to try to open them. But today they are all wide open. Moreover, we have the gospel and the opportunity to take it or send it. The church is calling for missionaries. It is constantly appealing for offerings for the support of missions. No one can say, "I had no chance, no opportunity to be sent or to assist in sending others to mission fields." The opposite is the truth. There are constant opportunities, and every one of them places a moral obligation upon us. These facts led Paul to say, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise, so as much as in me is I am willing to preach the gospel." The same debt for the same reason rests upon us.

3. The promise of Christ emphasizes our missionary responsibility. "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." This promise accompanies His great missionary command. Having it, we cannot shirk our duty on the ground that we may not succeed. His presence assures success and should greatly encourage us to meet our every obligation to home and foreign missions.

BIBLE READINGS.

Isa. ii, 1-7; Nah. i, 15; Ps. lxxii; Mark xvi, 15; Acts i, 1-8; xiii, 1-3; Rom. 1, 14-17; x, 12-15; Jon. i, 1-3; iii, 1-4; Rom. ix, 1-5.

## CHURCH NEWS

+Services are held every second and fourth Sundays in the Fairview church. Preaching both morning and evening by Rev. F. W. Summers.

+Regular services conducted by Father Cronin at St. Mary's Catholic church Sunday at 8 and 10 a. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. and vespers and benediction at 3 p. m.

+First Church of Christ, Scientist will have their usual meeting at their room over Poe's jewelry store, Sunday morning services at 10:45, subject will be "Christian Science." Sunday school will be held in the morning at 10 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended at all.

+The Union Mission Sunday school will meet Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Mission church in South Pearl street. The Public is cordially invited to this service.

+Regular preaching services at the United Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Clark, Sabbath at 10:30 and 7 p. m. Sabbath school at 9:15 a. m. Young Peoples Christian Union at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Welcome to all these meetings.

+Regular services will be held at the First Baptist church Sunday, the pastor preaching both morning and evening. Sunday school will be held at 9:30; morning preaching service at 10:45, and evening service at 7 o'clock.

+Services at the St. Mary's Catholic church Christmas morning will be at five, seven and nine o'clock, , conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Cronin.

+Regular services will be held at the First Presbyterian church Sunday: Sunday school at 9:15; preaching at 10:30 on the subject, "A Hasty Flight From the Feild of Bethelhem," and in the evening at 7 o'clock a cantata will be given under the auspices of the Sunday school. The public is cordially invited to all of the services.

+Regular services will be held at the St. Paul's M. E. church at the usual hours. Both of the sermons will have to do with the Christmas season.

+Special Christmas services will be held at the Main Street Christian church Sunday both morning and evening. Preaching by Rev. R. W. Abberley at 10:30 a. m. on "The First Christmas, God in a Manger." And at 7 p. m. on "The Son of the Highest," Bible school at 9:15 a. m. Special program and music.

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## COUNTY NEWS

### Carthage.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Boyd and daughter of Indianapolis were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Adkins Sunday.

Miss Zella Bundy of Terre Haute came Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sunday.

The Misses Helen and Anna M. F. Corkle of Mammouth, Ill., are the guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. David McCorkle.

Roy Bundy of Lafayette is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bundy.

Will Norris was in Indianapolis Saturday and Sunday.

Robert and Rupert Stanley of Earlham will be the guest of home folks Christmas.

Miss Grace Winslow Howard and Russel Winslow of Earlham came Thursday to spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winslow.

The W. C. met with Miss Nora Tarbet Tuesday evening.

Edward Leonard of Earlham came Thursday to spend Christmas with his aunt Mrs. Parintha Anderson.

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# Christmas of Christmases

Mary was a despicable creature but she just could not help it and finally arrived at the conclusion that she was born that way. She despised everyone and everyone despised her, so what was the difference anyway? She had lived in the very center of luxury as long as she could remember and yet did not enjoy it. She had clothes cut according to the latest fashions and all of the dolls and various other playthings which any little girl could wish for, but still they had no attraction for her. In fact she could not become interested in anything which other children seemed to like. The things which her playmates seemed to enjoy, she thoroughly diliked. And her studies, Oh, how she did even dislike to think of them. How she did shrink from the thought of being packed off to that bare room on the third floor and listen to her tudor try to explain the theories of arithmetic and physiology. There was nothing which facinated her more than to lock herself in and think and think and think. There was either something lacking in Mary's character or else there was something down at the bottom of it all which no one had ever discovered.

Mary Arnold was a slender young girl of ten years. She had always lived with her aunt and uncle and had never known what it was to have a father and mother. Many times had she begged her aunt Julia to tell her something of her parents, but all to no avail. Aunty always shook her head and promised she would tell her some day, but not now, she would say. Mary could not understand at all. She would sit in some dark corner for hours and attempt to reason out why her aunt and uncle would not tell her something of her parents. Why did she not have a right to know about her own father and mother, who seemed nearer and dearer to her than anything which she had ever seen on earth. It was her one thought in all of her hours while awake. She never went to sleep without a short silent prayer that she might soon know something of her dear ones, whether they be alive or dead.

Aunt Julia Hart was a decendant from a race of kings and was proud of her royal, English blood. Aristocracy was written on every feature and showed itself in her very movement. She always boasted of her forefathers to her callers, pointing back to the long line of ancestors who had sat on a throne of England. But withal this she treated Mary kindly, granting her every desire and satisfying all her wants. But she did not take the place of a mother in Mary's heart.

Never had she planted a kiss on Mary's sallow cheek and never had she spoken an encouraging word to her. Mary must trudge off to bed at night without a kind goodnight from anyone. How her heart yearned for a mother who would fondle her and whom she could caress and tell all of her little childish secrets. Mary must stand by and watch aunt Julia stroke the golden hair of her eight-year-old daughter Helen. She felt like an outcast when Helen sat perched on her mother's knee and Dean, her eleven-year-old cousin lounged by their side in a reclining chair after the family had gathered in the library in the evening. She would sit by with her face over a book, something which thoroughly disliked and very seldom did, or gaze despondently into the big fireplace.

Dean Hart was the bane of Mary's life. He was continually teasing his cousin and if a fuss resulted, aunt Julia would of course take her son's part and Mary would be severely reprimended. This sort of thing occurred not only every day but often several times in a day. The life she was obliged to lead was all so revolting to her nature that she sometimes allowed her anger to overcome her and struck at her hateful cousin. He would immediately run and tell his mother who would have Mary locked in a room for hours at a time. Mary had one place of hiding which Dean had never yet discovered. She would, when tired of playing, climb up in the big window in the nursery which was secluded from view by heavy draperies. Here Mary would sit for hours at a time and read a book or look out on the barren, gray landscape. Nothing could be seen but a useless waste of land with an occasional leafless tree or a few hovels scattered about, which were inhabitated by uncle William's tenants.

On this particular day in December Mary had stolen off to her hiding place in the window for a quiet hour. Dean, bent upon mischief, had searched the house for her without success. He came back into the nursery discouraged and had really given up the hunt, when he noticed a slight rustle of the curtains over the big nursery window. His eyes sparkled with devilment, Dean ran over to the window, pulled the draperies aside and there sat Mary, gazing wistfully out of the window as if she was thinking of something a thousand miles distant. Dean pulled her arm causing her to fall from the high seat to the floor. This so infuriated Mary that she arose and struck her boy cousin square in the face with the full force of her open hand. The boy was still a baby and he ran for his mother, crying that Mary had hurt his nose.

Mrs. Hart was very angry when she stopped to thing that her orphan neice had dared to strike her own dear boy. And this was Mary's first offense too. She turned to the young offender and told her she must be locked in the guest chamber for an indefinite length of time. Mary turned pale when she heard this sentence from the lips of her aunt. Many times had she heard in the nursery the tale of the ghosts that walked in this particular room. It was a common story in the family circles that her grandfather had been murdered in that very room and that his spirit wandered about in all parts of the chamber both day and night. For this reason the children always looked on the door leading to the room with awe as they passed in the hall. All of these thoughts flitted through Mary's mind, when she heard the terrible sentence. She dropped on her knees before her aunt and begged that she might be sparred, that she would inflict some lighter punishment, anything but that. Argument or persuasion had no effect on Mrs. Hart who had fully made up her mind that her niece should receive just punishment for this deed which in her mind seemed so dreadful. So Mary was carried off to the haunted apartment, kicking, screaming and begging for mercy.

When the latch turned in the door, locking Mary in the room, she began to feel dizzy and fell over in a swoon. When she awoke, it took several minutes to collect her thoughts, that flashed through her mind. She looked around expecting every instant to see some headless ghost or the spirit of some of her ancestors step out before her. But still everything looked natural and none of the looked-for phantoms appeared. She soon adjusted herself to her invironment and began to think rationally. She knew that not much time had elapsed as it was still light in the room and the sun could be seen gradually sinking behind a heavy bank of dull gray clouds in the west. Many were the thoughts which passed through Mary's mind, as she sat there gazing out on the beautiful sunset which marked the close of another fine winter day.

Her attention was attracted by a wagon coming up the driveway. She recognized it as one belonging to her uncle, but wondered why it should be coming from that direction. She followed the course of the vehicle with her eyes up to the side entrance to the home where it stopped. The driver jumped off, carried several bundles in, and drove on down to the barns. The occurence being rather unusual, Mary racked her brain for an expalnation. Why they were Christmas presents of course; why had she not thought of that? This is the fifteenth day of December and it is only ten days until Christmas, thought Mary as a faint smile passed over her countenance. Then in quick succession her face clouded as her thoughts wandered back over Christmas times. Why should she looked forward to these so-called merry holidays, when she never could derive any pleasure from them? She never did enjoy them; she never could enjoy them; and she never would enjoy them. It is true that Mary received as many gifts as her two cousins, but they did not satisfy that contiual craving in her breast. There was some inexplicable something which continually knawed at her heart and kept her from enjoying the merry Christmas times. If only I could see my father and mother or even learn whether they are dead or alive, it would be the happiest Christmas which I ever had and all that my soul desires, thought Mary as she sat there in the twilight, not noticing that the sun had finally disappeared and that darkness was fast approaching. She was suddenly aroused from her reverie by a dull noise and then began to realize her surroundings. She rushed to the door, pounding on it as hard as she could with her little hand in an attempt to attract someon's attention. The nurse soon came and let her out after she had solemnly promised never to strike her cousin Dean again.

The next few days passed in quick succession. In the meantime active preparations were made for Christmas, the house having been beautifully decorated with holly and mistletoe. The air of secrecy prevailed all over the home and even the servants seemed to be happy and joyful in anticipation of the holiday to come. But Mary was alone and an outcast in all of their festivity. She only watched her joyous cousins until she could no longer conceal her emotions and then would run off to her room and console herself with a good long cry. Then she questioned herself why she could not enter into the spirit of the season and have a good time as they did. But it was useless to try, she could not do it.

Christmas eve came and all of the children hung their stockings before the large fire place. Santa Claus did not forget one of them as was plain to be seen, when they awoke on the next morn and found their stockings filled with inumerable gifts. After the big dinner on Christmas the family gathered in the drawing room, Mary sitting by the large window, gazing wistfully over the snow-covered landscape. She noticed the carriage coming up the driveway, but supposed it was some of their friends coming to pay them a short visit. Aunt Julia went to the door to receive her callers, Mary paying no attention to them only in that she considered it an interruption of her thoughts. But she heard a commotion in the outer hall and several expclamations of joy and realizing that it was something out of the ordinary, she walked into the hallway. There stood a strange man and woman whom she had never seen.

"Mary, this is your father and mother," said her aunt Julia. Mary was overcome with emotion and she rushed into her mother's arms crying hysterically. Her prayers had been answered and her wishes had been granted. On that day she enjoyed her first real Christmas.

When Mary was one year old, her parents had left her in charge of her aunt and uncle and had sailed to America in quest of a fortune. They had been shipwrecked, tossed on the ocean in a small row boat, and had finally landed on an uninhabited island where they lived for nine years on the game and vegetables peculiar to that climate. Their names had been reported among the dead of the ill-fated ship and all of their relatives thought them lost forever. But one day after several attempts, they sesucceeded in hailing a passing vessel bound for England and they came home—came to home and Mary. All this Msry heard while she clung to this Mary heard while she clung to

## Carroll's Return to Ireland

Back again to bonnie brier-bush and Erin;
Green—aye, ever green on the bogs wherein
All the Carrolls carol carols, and the lark away,
Carols carols for his mirth on Christmas Day.

Ever verdant the shamrock in Ireland blows,
Ever verdant her love foreign offspring shows;
Singing carols, keen, Yankee Carrolls may,
But the Irish classics on Christmas Day
Will be sung and be danced for Patrick's joy,
Where he wandered the green a barefoot boy.

Irish whiskies in toddy; Irish stews, no frogs,
Nor snake in the grass, nor pollywogs;—
Irish reel, Irish clog will be sung and be danced;
For the Home-coming Pat's has been timely advanced.

O, ye braes, and banks and homely way.
List, the Carroll's carol on Christmas Day
Let Killarney's hills resound and thrill,
For Christ is Risen, and Patrick will
Arise o'er heads of the byes that come
To meet him, and greet him to hum sweet hum.

Sweet are the flowers that await his keen sense,
And bonnie the wood, his recompense
For years of his toil, and slaving to save;
May the Carroll's carol carols upon his grave.

Dec. 20. 1909. JESSE W. GUIRE.

## One Year Ago Today

If you scratch around in the remote corners of your brains you will probably remember that just about one year ago people were almost afraid to open their mouths for fear of absorbing some smallpox. Oh, it was a dead place. No Christmas entertainments, no dances, no nothing.

But think how much you will enjoy them this year. Think how much fun you will have. Think how much happier the holidays will be this year than they were last year. So let's all get together, forget the little petty things of life and look on the bright side for just one week at least. Have just twice as much fun this year as we ordinarily have just because we did not have any last year! And incidentally get the real Christmas spirit and try to keep a little until next Christmas.

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